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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

To the Assistant Commissioner:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2001, and is timely. A Request for Three-Month Extension and fee are filed herewith. As so extended, the period for reply runs until December 15 and this Response is timely. Thus no further fee is due with this Response, but in the event that the Commissioner determines a fee is due, it may be charged to PTO Deposit Account 141449, for which purpose a signed duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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Please amend claims 1, 14 and 21 of the above-referenced patent application as indicated below. A clean copy of the elected claims, as amended, follows, and marked up copies of the amended claims are attached at the end of this Response indicating the amendments made herein.